

# Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council

## Serving the Communities of:

Auburn City  
North Auburn  
Newcastle  
Penryn  
Ophir  
Bowman



## Minutes

**Date:** August 16, 2019

**Time:** Called to order at 9:00 am

**Location:** City of Auburn, City Hall  
1225 Lincoln Way, Room #10  
Auburn CA. 95603

### 1. Call to Order:

Attendance: Kevin Hanley, Danielle Hardesty, Kathy Baxter, Keri Askew Bailey, Bob Snyder, Richard Hadley, and Frank Udvarhelyi. Absent: Daniel Berlant.

Guests: Chief Dave Spencer, Heidi Rietjens, Art Berliner, Jane Wurst, Sharon Piello, Deline Ruud, Jenny Johnson, Lynne Tenei, Mary Eldridge, Cindy Whitson, Susan Coldwell, Bart Ruud, Ron Richards, Kris Paoline, Joyce Pruty.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The 7/19/19 minutes were approved, Kevin abstained.

4. **Public Comment:** Residents from the group Protect Rural Placer expressed concerns about the proposed expansion of Hidden Falls Park. Questions were answered regarding residents attending the Placer County Board of Supervisors meeting and their discussion of the Middle Fork funds for the American River Shaded Fuel Break.

### 5. Strategic Plan Implementation:

- A. GAAFSC Position on Draft General Plan for the Auburn State Recreation Area. GAAFSC approved the draft comments with several clarifying amendments. Kevin will submit the comments to BOR and CSP via email.
- B. Proposed GAAFSC Funding Requests from City of Auburn and Placer County. We are told we are responsible for public education, but we get no funding. Do not have capacity to shift to 501(C)(3) status. Kevin spoke with nearby FSCs and there is a desire to develop coordinated materials. Placer Co will provide web site and we have existing social media resources. Suggests GAAFSC (he) put together a plan that could include review of existing resources and potential future activities. Timeline = within the next month. M/S = put together GAAFSC thoughts on a plan to propose to nearby FSCs to get a unified plan together. Could include funding for external help. Unanimous approval.
- C. GAAFSC Member Application – Kevin Hanley. Council recommended that the Auburn City Council re-appoint Kevin for another term on GAAFSC.

### 6. Agency and Stakeholder Reports:

- A. CALFIRE. Mary Eldridge noted that daily work continues on fuel break. Governor visited a second time. This unit received 22 positions and they have been assigned to stations. Also received a new engine (brush engine). Need help from community in getting Ready Set Go materials into homes. Gold Country Fair coming up and looking for volunteers to help with outreach at that event. Fall Garden/Home Show as well. Education is key as it is often homeowners that start things as well not just visitors using area for recreation.

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- B. Auburn Fire. Chief Spencer discussed the slow start to fire season but need to be vigilant. AFD has conducted 511 property inspections, 447 in compliance working with other 64. Four structure ignition assessment program inspections. UP properties along railroad is a challenge as railroad would rather accept fine than abate on small parcels, which creates issues. 42+ acres have been cleared throughout City. Continuing with public education and business events. Maidu station opens on 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM – all welcome to the event. Shaded Fuel Break Grant – signed a contract with RDC to coordinate the project.
  - C. Penryn Fire – no report.
  - D. Newcastle Fire – no report.
  - E. Placer Co. No report.
  - F. US BOR. No report.
  - G. State Parks. No report.
  - H. Fire Alliance & Firewise.

**7. Roundtable:** Discussion about education needed on how residents can harden their homes.

**8. Adjourn:** 10:30 am.